



10 COMMANDMENTS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Third Commandment: The Name of the Lord

(Deuteronomy 5.1-6, 11)

The week of September 30th, 2018

WELCOME

Since it's still early in the year, spend some time having everyone introduce themselves. Go around the room and have everyone share their name, where they live, what they do during the day, etc. Also talk about your group schedule and format, expectations, how your meetings will go, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Share the following things coming up in the life of the church:

- **New City Women's Retreat | October 5-6**

Women of New City! Join us for the annual fall retreat October 5-6 at the Athletes in Action Retreat Center in Xenia! This year, our retreat speaker will be Beth Guckenberger of Back2Back Ministries and author of a new book, "Start with Amen". For additional details and registration, please visit [https:// newcitycincy.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/153273](https://newcitycincy.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/153273)

- **New City Men's Summit | October 5-6**

Join us Friday morning at 6:30am for coffee and breakfast, some music, teaching and a brief discussion. Meet in the lower level Gathering Hall at 6:30am.

OPENING PRAYER

Open your group in prayer. Pray extemporaneously, or use this prayer:

Lord, we want to know what it means to honor your name. We pray that our discussion tonight would honor you. Help us to learn about you from Your Word and from each other. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ICBREAKER

Have you ever had a nickname? What was it? How'd you get it?

AND/OR

Why did your parents choose your name? (special meaning, named for someone, etc)

STUDY/DISCUSSION

1. Read **Deuteronomy 5.1-6, 11**.
2. What does God's name — YHWH — tell us about his character? (HINT: you can read Exodus 3:13-15)
3. Read Numbers 6:23-27. What is the significance of the benediction with reference to the name of the Lord?
4. How do you see God's name misused in the world today? How do Christians misuse it?
5. Have you ever seen someone use God's name to manipulate others?
6. On Sunday, Josh said we break the 3rd Commandment when we use God's name deceitfully, flippantly or inauthentically? Which of these are you most prone to? Why?
7. How did the apostles use the name of Jesus? (Acts 3:16; 4:12) What does this tell us about the identity of Jesus?
8. Colossians 3:17 tells us, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." What does it mean to do something "in the name of the Lord Jesus"?
9. What's one way you can hallow/honor God's name this week? (HINT: Push people to come up with a concrete and specific application)
10. How can you tactfully and appropriately hold others to some level of obedience to this commandment? Have you ever been in a situation where this was handled well? (If so, share your experience)

PRAY

Take some time to pray together. This can be done together as a whole group, or in smaller groups. Exchange prayer requests. You may also use the prayer below if it's helpful. (And leaders, follow up with a post on the City or as a "Resource" in Planning Center with a list of prayer requests as a reminder to be praying for one another).